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# H. R. 1621

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 1, 1993

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## A BILL

To achieve increased contributions by European member nations of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to offset the costs of maintaining United States military personnel and installations in these nations.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. DEFENSE BURDENSARING AGREEMENTS**

4                       **WITH NATO ALLIES FOR INCREASED HOST**

5                       **NATION SUPPORT.**

6       (a) DEFENSE BURDENSARING AGREEMENTS FOR

7 INCREASED HOST NATION SUPPORT.—As soon as pos-

8 sible after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Presi-

1 dent should enter into revised host-nation agreements with  
2 the European members nations of the North Atlantic  
3 Treaty Organization under which these nations agree that,  
4 for fiscal year 1995 and thereafter, these nations will—

5 (1) pay at least 50 percent of the personnel  
6 costs of maintaining United States military person-  
7 nel and installations in Europe, such as the costs  
8 of—

9 (A) pay and allowances of members of the  
10 Armed Forces of the United States assigned to  
11 permanent duty ashore in Europe during the  
12 period of such assignment; and

13 (B) pay and allowances of civilian employ-  
14 ees of the Department of Defense stationed in  
15 Europe during the period of such assignment;

16 (2) pay at least 75 percent of the non-personnel  
17 costs of maintaining United States military person-  
18 nel and installations in Europe, such as the costs  
19 of—

20 (A) labor, utilities, and services;

21 (B) military construction projects and real  
22 property maintenance;

23 (C) leasing requirements associated with  
24 the United States military presence; and

1 (D) actions necessary to meet local envi-  
2 ronmental standards;

3 (3) relieve the Armed Forces of the United  
4 States of all tax liability that, with respect to forces  
5 located in a European member nation of NATO, is  
6 incurred by the Armed Forces under the laws of  
7 that nation and the laws of the community where  
8 those forces are located; and

9 (4) ensure that goods and services furnished in  
10 these nations to the Armed Forces of the United  
11 States are provided at minimum cost and without  
12 imposition of user fees.

13 (b) EFFECT OF FAILURE TO ACHIEVE AGREE-  
14 MENTS.—Unless the President certifies to Congress before  
15 October 1, 1994, that the European member nations of  
16 NATO have entered into the revised agreements described  
17 in subsection (a), no appropriated funds may be used to  
18 maintain United States military personnel and installa-  
19 tions in these nations after September 30, 1995, notwith-  
20 standing the end strength level in effect under section  
21 1002(c)(1) of the National Defense Authorization Act,  
22 1985 (22 U.S.C. 1928 note).

23 (c) EXCEPTIONS.—This section shall not apply in the  
24 event that the Armed Forces of the United States are ac-  
25 tively engaged in an armed conflict in Europe or if the

1 President determines that there exists the threat of immi-  
2 nent United States engagement in an armed conflict in  
3 Europe.

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